



## *21<sup>st</sup> Aruba Hi-Winds begins on Thursday*

Enjoy the excitement of international windsurfing action this week and weekend!

After two decades, the world famous Aruba Hi Winds Tournament has received a face lift and infusion of a new generation of young and energetic organizers that have put together a week of exciting events both on the water and the beach. On Monday afternoon, the new president of the High Winds organization, Wim Eelens, along with Patrick Mechior of Amstel Bright, the principle sponsors and Amayra Boekhoudt of the ATA held a press conference at “Hi Winds Central”, the Moomba Beach Bar and Restaurant.

Officials announced the international competitors are already arriving from Portugal, Holland and Hungary, and expect more shortly from Bonaire, Curacao, British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Venezuela, and the United States, for a truly international competition. Nearly 120 competitors are arriving for the tournament, and organizers remind all those wishing to participate to inscribe with Wim Eelens or his staff on Wednesday, June 27 at Fisherman’s Huts, north of the Marriott Resort. The first heats will begin off that area on Thursday.

Kitesurfing competition, which was such a success for the first time last year, has again been included on the agenda. The diversity of competitive categories range from Junior to Master, male and female, with crowns awarded to the “King, Queen, Prince and Kid of the Huts.”

Patrick Melchior and Evert Bongers, veterans of the High Winds remind the public that it isn’t only about windsurfing, as the tournaments if famous for its beach activities for the spectators as well. Saturday and Sunday will feature sunset “Happy Hour” beach parties with plenty of Amstel Bright and live music from popular bands “The Islanders” and “Sonic Lab.” During the weekend, there will be fun and games along with beach competitions for all ages that will offer great prizes from Amstel Bright.

Thursday and Friday spectators can enjoy Slalom racing action from the California Lighthouse to the Manchebo Beach area. Have your cameras ready for the breathtaking sight of hundreds of colorful sailboards taking off from the starting line. Saturday will continue with long distance Kitesurfing and Windsurfing competitions as well as the qualifying rounds for the Freestyle, where windsurfers do their exciting jumps and stunts. The final races will take place on Monday, July 2, with the awards dinner that evening at Moomba Beach.

In closing, the organizing committee and Aruba Tourism Authority gave a hat tip to Jean Pierre van Eerenbeemt,” who did a tremendous job putting this event together for ten glory years” before passing the reigns to Wim Eelens and his crew. These include Paul van Wolferen, who designed a completely new and interactive website, [www.aruba-hiwinds.org](http://www.aruba-hiwinds.org), along with Frank Eelens, Ron Henriques, and Sven Goos who have been working tirelessly to deliver a fantastic event over the next few days.

Organizers and ATA also offer thanks to the many sponsors that have contributed to the successful realization of another year of High Winds. These include: Amstel Bright and Red Bull principle sponsors, with other minor sponsors; Mc Donald’s Aruba, Coca Cola, Aruba Lottery, Bula, Vela, Coconuts Island Wear, Taste of Belgium, Vita Malt, Optica Oduber & Kan, Delifrance, Colombian Emeralds, Pro Tec, Panache, More 4 Less, Moomba Beach, Dunkin Donuts, ASD Hotel & Restaurant Equipment, Sailboard Vacations, The Entertainment Group N.V., Super Food Tempo, AAV, Spare Time, Zenitel, DA, Aruba Aloe, Dominos’s Pizza, ATCO, Serlimar and Cool FM Radio.

The Aruba Hi Winds has a long and prestigious history, as Aruba’s winds and calm waters are famous around the world as ideal conditions for windsurfing, now attracting top amateur competitors. It is not only well known for the excitement on the water, but also for the fun events on the beach, and ATA and sponsors encourage all to come and join the fun, as “the more the merrier” is absolutely accurate!



## PARTICIPANTENAN DI PORTUGAL Y VENEZUELA PA

### ARUBA HI-WINDS 2007 A CUMINSA YEGA

*Diaranson 27 ta spera tur participante pa inscribi*

**Eagle**,-- Di 27 di Juni pa 2 di July Aruba lo ta sede di e di 21 edicion di Aruba Hi-Winds 2007 cu lo tuma lugar na Fisherman's Hut na Malmok.

Actualmente ta haciendo e trabounan necerario pa prepara e site y beach area di Hadikurari pa e evento por tuma lugar. Manera a ser anuncia e evento e aña aki a conoce un crecimiento den participante internacional. Un participante di Hungria a yega Aruba siman pasa y diasabra y diadomingo e grupo di Argentina y Portugal y un surfer di e grupo di participante di Venezuela esta Leonardo a yega Aruba dialuna mainta.

Te awor aki e participantenan cu a yega Aruba ta procedente di: Hulanda, Hungria, Argentina, Portugal y algun di Venezuela. Falta ainda parti di e grupo di Venezuela, Colombia, British Virgin Islands, USA y e delegacionan di Curacao y Bonaire. Nan tur prefera di yega Aruba prome cu e competencia cuminsa pa asina nan por practica y custuma cu e laman, solo y e biento fuerte di Aruba. Miembronan di prensa internacional invita di Colombia y Venezuela lo yega diahuebs 28 di juni.

Comicion organisador ta invita tur surfer di Aruba cu kier participa den e competencia di e aña aki pa pasa na beach di Fisherman Huts pa inscribi diarazon 27 di juni henter dia.

### **Categorianan:**

Manera tur aña e evento ta ofrece competencia pa tur edad, mucha bou 14 aña, Junior entre 14-18 aña, masculino y femenino entre 19-34 aña y master 35 aña of mas den e siguiente disciplinan; slalom racing, long distance y freestyle. Fin di siman di diasabra 30 di juni y diadomingo 1 di july, Amstel

Bright lo pone hopi ambiente ariba beach y lo entretene tur presente cu weganan divertido cu premionan fabuloso pa e ganadornan.

Tambe lo tin presentacion “live” di e bandanan The Islanders y Sonic Lab.

Pa mas informacón por bishita e website [www.aruba.com](http://www.aruba.com) of [www.aruba-hiwinds.org](http://www.aruba-hiwinds.org).

**Patrosinadornan:**

Aruba Tourism Authority y Amstel Bright como patrosinadornan principal hunto cu Red Bull kier a invita henter pueblo di Aruba pa apoya e evento y asisti na beach di Fisherman’s Hut entre 28 di juni pa 2 di juli. Alaves e comicion organisador ta conta y ta gradici e lista largo di e otro patrosinadornan:

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